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Bureau of Land Management
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. Background

BLM Office: Kremmling Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.: N/A

Number: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2008-49-CX- Kremmling Classic and Cliff Golf

Proposed Action Title/Type: Kremmling Days - Kremmling Classic and Cliff Golf

Location of Proposed Action: Wolford Travel Management Area; T. 1 N., R. 80 W. sec. 1-10; T.1.5 N., R, 80 W, sec. 31-35; T, 2 N., R. 80 W. sec. 15-22, 28-35; T. 1 N., R. 81 W. sec. 1; T. 2 N., R. 81 W. sec. 25

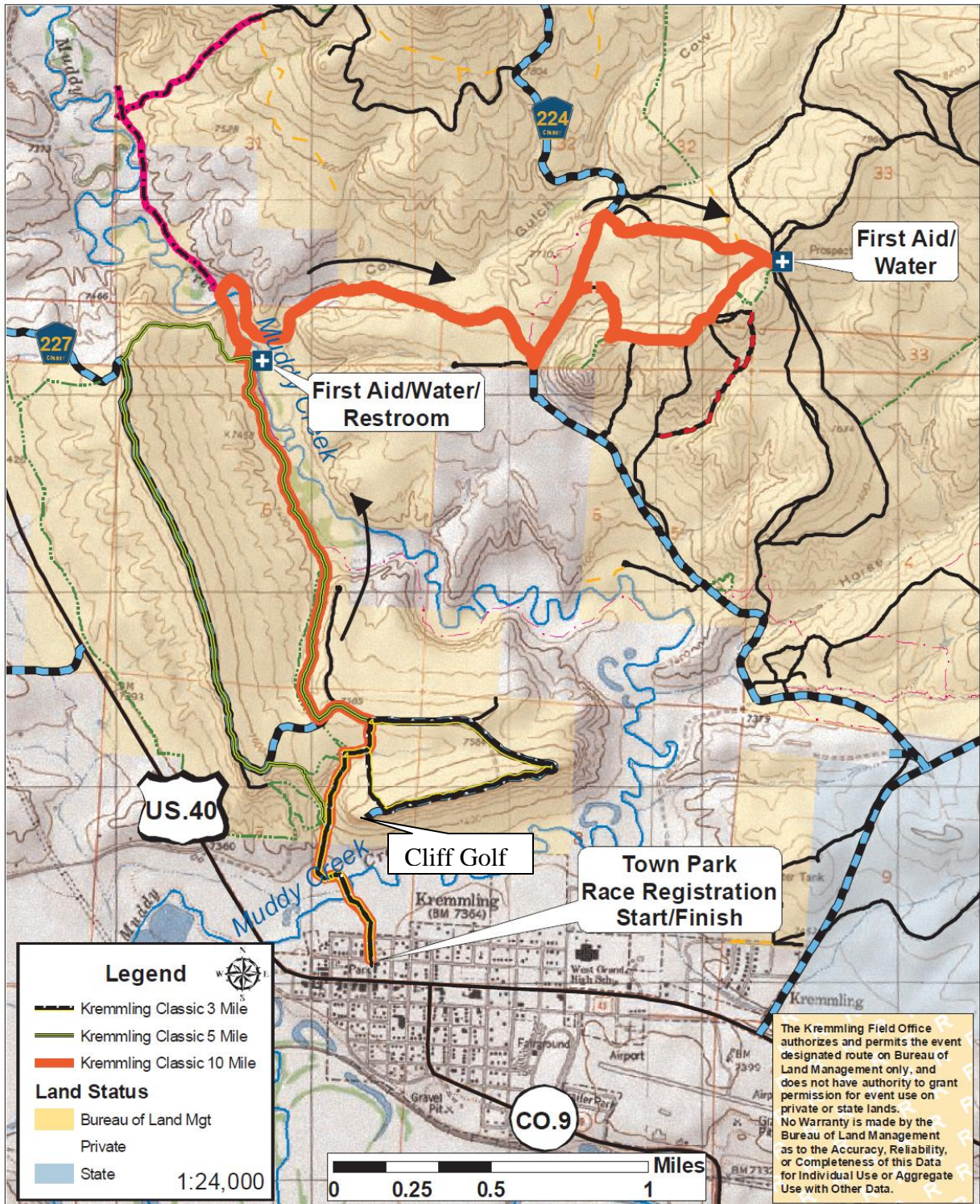
Description of Proposed Action: The Kremmling Chamber of Commerce is proposing to host the annual Kremmling Cliff Golf and Kremmling Classic running event that would take place within the Wolford Mountain Travel Management Area (WMTMA). The BLM Kremmling Field Office and Kremmling Chamber of Commerce have signed a Letter of Agreement for the proposed events. As a result, the events would be co-sponsored by the two entities and the terms and conditions of the Letter of Agreement are included as part of the Proposed Action.

The Kremmling Chamber and event organizers would provide sufficient volunteers to temporarily mark the Kremmling Classic running route and to staff roads and trail intersections on race days to provide direction for the designated route and safety for racers and other visitors to the WMTMA. The annual Cliff Golf event takes place on the cliffs off County Road 227 overlooking the town of Kremmling. Participants drive golf balls off of the cliffs aiming at targets below on private property every year. The organizers of this event will provide a portable restroom on the cliffs and would use only temporary signage and marking for the event. Informational signage would be placed at the race registration booths that springs, streams and trough water is not potable. Any markings and signage would be removed after the event has occurred. For each proposed event, there would be approximately 50-250 participants.

Event	Date	Description
Kremmling Classic	June 20, 2009	10, 5 and 3 Miles
Kremmling Golf Classic	June 20, 2009	Held on cliff area off CR 227



Kremmling Classic 10, 5 and 3 Mile



B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD) _ Date Approved/Amended: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

Decision Number/Page: Decision Number II B 7a/ Page 11

Decision Language: a. Objective. "To ensure the continued availability of outdoor recreational opportunities which the public seeks and which are not readily available from other sources, to reduce the impacts of recreational use on fragile and unique resource values, and to provide for visitor safety, and resource interpretation."

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, conditions):

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1,

1.5 H. Recreation Management

(1) Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan. This CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic Rivers. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits for "Special Area" management (43 CFR 2932.5).

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

I considered other potential race courses that could be permitted within BLM administered lands, the potential resource damage and public health and safety concerns. This course was approved in the last year and was successful for keeping participants on well established and designated routes. Additionally, the race course crosses the Muddy Creek at an existing bridge preventing bank erosion and passes an existing restroom facility. The Cliff Golf site location is in an area already disturbed along County Road 227 and will have a temporary portable restroom facility on site. Post monitoring of the race course and Cliff Golf site, there was no visible additional

disturbance and all golf balls were removed from below the cliffs. Due to the success of past Kremmling Days events there is no potential for significant impacts. All activities will be monitored to ensure compliance within the Terms, Conditions and Stipulations of the letter of agreement. Additionally, the event will be co-sponsored with the BLM and staff will be present a majority of the time during the event.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
John Monkouski	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Recreation	5/14/09
Bill Wyatt	Archeologist	Cultural	5/19/09
Frank Rupp	Paleontologist	Paleontology	5/15/2009
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	5/19/09
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	5/18/09
Susan Cassel	Assistant Field Manager	NEPA	5/15/09

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: ___/s/Peter McFadden_____ Date: ___5/18/09_____
(Signature)

Name: ___Peter McFadden_____
Title: ___Associate Field Manager_____

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact John Monkouski; Outdoor Recreation Planner; Kremmling Field Office, PO Box 68, Kremmling, CO 80459, (970)724-3040.

DECISION RECORD
CX #DOI-BLM-CO-120-2008-49-CX

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached CX.

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This decision is also in conformance with the LUP and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

RATIONALE: The proposed action was chosen in cooperation with the Kremmling Chamber of Commerce to facilitate recreation on public lands. Environmental impacts were carefully considered and design features were established to eliminate those impacts.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 5/18/09